

Bush Dance Group Report 2024-25

The Bush Dance Group (BDG) has again been able to run a full year of dancing, comprising Monday Evening Bush Dances (March to November inclusive) and Dancing in the Park (December to February).

Numbers have fluctuated through the year, with no clear pattern, but Monday evenings have averaged 16 dancers (actual attendances being between 6 and 26), similar to last year when we averaged 17. However, numbers have picked up in 2025 (March to June) during which we averaged 19. We have been able to absorb an increase in hall hire costs for 24/25, however a further, steeper, increase for 25/26 may necessitate a review of our entry charges.

The “open stage” for musicians and callers has continued to attract good numbers with an average of 9 musicians, plus 2 or 3 callers most nights.

Dancing in the Park also saw good attendances, averaging 25, despite a slightly shorter season due to the unavailability of Stage '88 on several Mondays.

We did hold a joint BDG/EOM Christmas picnic and dance in November 2024 (included in the EOM figures), but the BDG did not attempt to run any other weekend dances during the year, instead leaving these to the End of Month (EOM) committee.

Overall, good attendances at both Dancing in the Park and Monday evenings saw the BDG make a financial year profit of \$303, although our actual profit is \$417 because the takings for the final Monday on 30/6 were banked in July, and thus recorded in the next financial year.

In addition, the Bush Capital Band has contributed a further \$111 from external, non-MFS engagements by paying to the Society a 3.5% contribution from six paid gigs through the year.

Mark Simmons
BDG Chair
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